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TWO legislations, currently viewed as impediments in implementation of Public Private Partnerships, are up for a major overhaul, according to the President's Delivery Bureau (PDB).

The laws include the Public Procurement Act (PPRA) and Public Private Partnership Act.

PDB believe, according to their assessment, that the two legislations have a number of areas, which distort both innovation and the much-needed private sector involvement in the implementation of multi-trillion public projects.

The bureau's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Omani Issa, said in Dar es Salaam yesterday that a number of clauses in the two legislations have been found to impede effective private sector involvement in development projects, hence the need for a major review by relevant organs.

"You may find that a company or organisation wants to implement a multi-trillion public

project and has all the money needed for the project. But because the PPRA Act stipulates that every public project should undergo a public procurement process, this company is kept out with its funds and innovative idea," Mr Issa noted.

He pointed that a review of the two legislations is meant to improve the way public and private sectors work together," he said.

It is expected that they would bring forth a new dispensation of a more smooth engagement between public and private sector on projects.

Mr Issa reported that some relevant government units and a section of private sector would effective next week go into labs to deliberate on a number of areas that should be reviewed to remove the obstacles in the two laws.

He, for example said, that PDB's recent assessment showed that current public projects worth 5trn/- could instead be implemented by private sector -- as the latter have the technology and speed to handle such.

"BRN is not just for the public sector. It also involves private sector and that is what reviews in the two laws are aimed at," he said.

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government development blueprint targeting six priority sectors of the economy. However, it also

He said the government has decided to form regional and district council delivery units, similar to the ministerial delivery units. It has also called for the building of capacities at those levels through further training inside and outside the country, in addition to effecting thorough implementation, monitoring and evaluation of projects at those levels.

In their assessments, the PDB also notes that financial challenges on various projects recur each year, but that what was needed is better evaluation of projects at the start to understand what amount of finances were needed at a particular point in time, as the project implementation goes on.

Mr Issa said that he was so far satisfied with what his team has seen in ministries and local government level, especially

the spirit exude on following up on implementation of public projects closely.

"We follow them up every day, get weekly reports on everything being implemented and then we get monthly reports from them. It is then that we look at every aspect in detail, this is a real new system," he said.

He said the implementation of BRN system has gained momentum, employing a methodology that monitors and evaluates implementation of projects under the six national key results. "Tanzania has had great ideas, visions and plans for moving to the next level. However, the missing link has always been the implementation of these plans, BRN neatly plugs this gap," the PDB top man quipped.

He noted that an equally important outcome of the BRN programme is the transformation it is making in accountability at all levels of the public sector."